Expenditure on relief work

†1743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to sudden drought in the current financial year, heavy amount would have to be spent in several States of the country for relief work;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a possibility of curtailment in the plan outlay during the current financial year as a result of said expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes together with the sectors to which they belong, where the said curtailment is likely to be made alongwith the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) With a general revival in the progress and intensity of South-West Monsoon in the country from the end of July, 2004, there is substantial improvement in a number of States. It would, therefore, be premature at this stage to conclude that large-scale relief works will definitely be required in several States. The Government is closely monitoring the situation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Change in the Tenth Five Year Plan

†1744. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to consider some proposal to effect comprehensive changes in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review has been made in respect of successes and failures in the implementation of the schemes during last years of

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Tenth Five Year Plan prior to considering to bring about any change therein; and

(d) if so, the details of areas of the said plan, which as per the implementation made so far have proved to be a failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN). (a) to (d) The changes to be brought out in the Tenth Five Year Plan as well as a review in respect of successes and failure in the implementation of the schemes will be spelt out in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is scheduled during the current year.

Financial crunch in Orissa

1745. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR
SHRI B.J PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chief Minister of Orissa has made a statement in the State Assembly that Orissa is passing through a phase of serious financial crunch,

(b) if so, whether the Centre has drawn up some action plan to help the cash-strapped State to reduce its financial burden, and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help the beleaguered State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) (a) Yes, Sir. Orissa State has informed that their Chief Minister in his speech made on 30th July, 2004 on the floor of the State Assembly, has stated "Our State which is ravaged by calamities live in abject poverty and indeed, has a huge financial crisis"

(b) and (c) The State Government is being allocated Special Central Assistance on 100% grant basis under two components of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana; under the Special Plan for the undivided Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi (KBK) districts, a sum of Rs. 250 crores has been allocated in the current year while under the Backward Districts Initiative Component, Rs. 45 crores have been allocated for three districts of Orissa which are extremist affected